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"Transportation and infrastructure projects are critical investments in south Louisiana's economic development," said Rep. Melancon. "There are many deserving projects in the Third Congressional District, and in a year when earmarks were being slashed, I am pleased House leadership supported my funding requests for these two projects in Belle Chasse and New Iberia. As Congress writes the new five-year transportation authorization bill this year, I will work to secure authorization for more south Louisiana projects so they will be in line for future federal funding."

Congressman Melancon secured the following earmarks in the House-passed Transportation and HUD appropriations bill:

- **\$500,000 for Belle Chasse Bridge in Plaquemines Parish.** Funding will be used by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development toward the architecture and engineering phase of a new bridge over the Intracoastal Waterway, replacing the existing tunnel in Plaquemines Parish.
- **\$300,000 for the New Iberia Multi-Use Conference Center.** The City of New Iberia will use the funding toward construction of a multi-use center in New Iberia, which will be used as an evacuation center and supply hub during emergencies.

A complete list of the earmarks Congressman Melancon requested for the Third Congressional District this year can be found on his website by [clicking here](#).

A list of the Louisiana transportation projects Congressman Melancon has requested authorization for in the bill currently being drafted by Congress can be [found here](#) .

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